

Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News
At First Mennonite Church

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm
Organ: Karen Wiebe Power point: Debbie Goossen
Children's Story: Grace Tegmeier Video: Jane Esau
Ushers: Jake Janzen, Justin Schardt Audio: Jim Ensz
Last Sunday: Attendance: 89 **Offering:** FMC \$ 3,258; Tech Fund \$225
Today's Offering: Mennonite Mission Network
Next Sunday's Offering: VBS Project: MTM Diaper Bank

Coming Up:

Sunday, May 25 9:30 am Adult Sunday School only
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, May 27-Friday May 30 8:30-11:30 Vacation Bible School
Friday, May 30 11:30 – 2:00 pm Skating & Pizza
Sunday, June 1 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Vacation Bible School Program

Late May Birthdays

19: Dolores Jantzen, Erin VanderSchaaf 23: Alma Reimer

28: Rick Brethouwer

Early June Birthdays

3: Dorothy Zimmerman

4: Dave Stutzman

8: Neal Trantham

16: Van Vanderschaaf, Kollyns Hohensee

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
 - **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks may go in the offering plate.
 - **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
 - **Our service is viewed** at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and **heard on FM 107.5**, but only reaches our parking lot. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org, under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.
 - Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
 - Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.
 - **WDC Annual Assembly** August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

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Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

May 25, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come with hearts open to mystery. Come with spirits longing for peace. Come with minds ready to be taught. Come with lives eager for God's presence.

P: We come to worship the God who makes a home among us. We come to receive the Spirit who speaks truth and breathes peace.

We come to live resurrection – not alone, but with God within us.

ALL: Let us worship the One who does not leave us orphaned, but comes to us again and again – Father, Son, and Spirit, dwelling with us, teaching us, and leading us into life.

Prayer

Hymn: "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

VT 9

Confession and Assurance

L: Jesus has promised to make a home with us – yet we confess how often we keep the door shut.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and open our hearts.

L: We fill our lives with noise, but you speak in stillness. We cling to control, but you lead through trust.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and teach us your peace.

L: You offer us truth, but we turn away from what challenges us. You offer us love, but we chase after lesser things.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and dwell within us.

L: Forgive us, O God, for forgetting your presence, resisting your guidance, and doubting your love.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us new. Amen.

L: Church, hear the good news: God does not leave us orphaned.

Christ comes to us again through the Spirit, to teach, to comfort, to remain.

P: We are not alone – God makes a home in us.

L: Peace is given, not as the world gives, but as a gift from the Risen Christ.

P: We receive this peace. We receive the Spirit.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, filled, and forever loved.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering Hymn: "New Earth, Heavens New"

VT 377

Offering is for Mennonite Mission Network

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: John 14:23-29

Sermon: "Live Resurrection: Receive"

Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

VT 737

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Go, My Friends, in Peace"

VT 839 (B-2x)

Passing the Peace

Welcome to those here in person and to those watching on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org/documents.

We aren't having Intergenerational Sunday School this summer. Adult Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:30 downstairs. Join us!

A celebration of life for **Ruth Eby Penner** will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at Kidron Bethel Retirement Center, North Newton, KS. Ruth passed away March 30, 2025. Ruth and Marvin were long-time members of FMC before moving to Kansas. Memorial gifts can be made to Mennonite Central Committee and Kidron Bethel Village. Condolences may be sent to Marvin at 3001 Ivy Drive, Apt 303, N. Newton, KS 67117. Her obituary can be read at Petersen Funeral Home, Newton.

Support Local Farmers at the **Beatrice Farmers Market!** Every Thursday from May 15 to October 9, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at the corner of 6th & High.



"Waves of Wonder"

**VBS this Tues-Friday
8:30 a.m.**

- Please send a completed **Parental Consent Form** along with your child. (Available on our website or at the church)
- VBS participants and families will have a **roller-skating party with pizza on Friday, May 30, immediately after VBS until 2:00 pm at the Rolla Rena in Beatrice. Pick up your child there.**
- **VBS Program** is next Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 at FMC
- **Offerings** during VBS and next Sunday are for the **diaper bank** at Mother to Mother, Beatrice. Our goal is 1,000 larger size diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, or pullups), 25 packages of **wipes**, and \$3,000 in **cash donations** for the week.
- And a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all our **VOLUNTEERS!!** We couldn't do it without **YOU!!**

Camp Mennoscah Summer Camp! Accepting sponsors for the traditional afternoon "generic pop" break for \$30/day or help purchase a commercial pool vacuum for the very important camp pool (cost is \$2000-\$2500). Also needed are music leaders, camp nurses, & volunteer kitchen help! If you can help with any of these, please contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Help get healthy food to people in Beatrice! West End Farm is accepting donations to provide fresh, local produce to the Mother to Mother organization and the Beatrice Community Food Pantry for distribution to families in need. For more details and to donate, visit westendfarmne.com/share or talk to Katie Jantzen.

Orienting With the Word: Deadline extended! Ready to read Scripture "as if your life depends on it"? This free five-month program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative builds community and biblical literacy through Bible study. Each participating congregation designates a small group to join with others in Confessional Bible Study. This practice helps communities make the Bible an indispensable tool for navigating daily living. Cohort One runs Aug. 1 – Dec. 21; congregations should apply by July 1. amb.s.edu/orienting-with-the-word